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To: CHFA Approved Lenders

AUTOMATED UNDERWRITING (AU) FOR FHA LOANS

Currently all FHA loans submitted to CHFA for compliance review and approval must have been credit underwritten as evidenced by a signed and dated Mortgage Credit Analysis Worksheet (MCAW) form HUD-92900. On August 16, 1999 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the approval of Fannie Mae's Desktop Underwriter and PMI Mortgage Services pmiAURA for use in originating FHA-insured mortgages.

Effective immediately CHFA will accept loans underwritten using the above AU systems, or any other FHA approved system, subject to the following conditions: (1) the MCAW form HUD-92900 must be signed by the lender's underwriter and reflect the CHUMS underwriter identification number assigned to the specific individual AU systems, and (2) the loan file submitted for approval must include a hard copy of the findings report issued by the respective AU system.

Lenders may still submit FHA loans without the use of AU systems. However, as in the past, the MCAW form HUD-92900 must be signed and dated by the lender's DE underwriter and bear the underwriter's individual CHUMS number.

The above underwriting options may only be used when submitting FHA loans for approval. AU systems may not be used when submitting VA and CAHLIF conventional loans.

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